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1. [REDACTED] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate

Armed Services Committee, called to suggest that we get together later in the day to review plans for an Agency witness to appear before the Committee tomorrow in executive session to refute the allegations of Andrew St. George's article in the November issue of Harper's.

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2. [REDACTED] Discussed tomorrow's hearing regarding

the St. George allegations with Jim Woolsey, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, who said that he had just discussed the matter with Chairman Stuart Symington and it was planned that St. George would be called to testify at 10:00 a. m. in executive session and then would be excused and asked to stand by while the Committee held a private session. Actually the Committee will then have an Agency witness testify without St. George's knowledge, after which Chairman Symington plans to make an immediate statement to the press summarizing the evidence and his conclusions, hopefully thus undercutting any press statement that St. George may wish to make. Woolsey said Symington wanted no more than two witnesses, and he repeated that Symington's main interest centered on:

a. Testimony based on statements by all Agency watch officers on duty on 17 June 1972.

b. Full details regarding any Agency contacts [REDACTED]

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Woolsey added that since St. George had referred to the "young watch officer" the Committee will want the ages of each watch officer involved.

I told Woolsey for his private information that Ambassador Helms was returning Friday, 24 November, at the request of the Special Prosecutor. Woolsey said he already had an inkling of this.

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He also mentioned (I assume from information he has gotten from the Armed Services Committee staff) that St. George apparently is getting edgy about his appearance before the Committee on Friday. He has asked about right of counsel and pressed the staff as to what kind of questions will be asked him.

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4. [Redacted] Called George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, and talked with him about my conversation with Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, yesterday as it related to the 5 November 1973 letter from Colby to Symington and the personal response of Dick Helms to Symington's inquiry about recent allegations that there was a conflict between his testimony and his memorandum of 28 June 1972. I told him that Woolsey had mentioned that on instructions from Senator Symington he had shown these documents to Senator Baker and Murphy. I also mentioned the request that Dave Dorsen, Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities staff, had made to [Redacted] for copies of Colby's correspondence to Symington (presumably referring to the 6 November 1973 memorandum and the 28 June 1972 Helms memorandum which Symington published). I told Murphy that since he and Senator Baker had seen the earlier letter and the Helms response I felt that the Watergate Committee was on notice of the existence of these documents and could request them if they wished copies.

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5.

Received a call from Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who said that they would like to have copies of our answers to Senator Baker's letter of 8 November 1973 and Colby's response if it was available. I told him they had not been finalized as yet, but said we would do our best to have them ready for Mr. Colby by tomorrow.

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Talked with Jim Calloway, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, again and told him we still had no definitive information from the House Armed Services Committee regarding the former Agency employee in whom Calloway has an interest. I told him we would let him know as soon as we heard something about the House Committee's decision about employing this man.

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Talked with IC Staff, and told him that the Director was willing to make a statement to the Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy regarding the sensitivity of the subject matter which would be covered in his briefing but he would prefer to have Tom Reckford, of the Commission staff, brief the Commission members on the physical security arrangements that would be in effect during the session on the 19th.

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8.

Received a call from Joel Merkel, on the staff of Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), pressing me for an answer on the draft language proposed for inclusion in Senator Nelson's resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Domestic Intelligence. I told Merkel that I just had not had an opportunity to focus on this any further, that our General Counsel people were looking at it as well and I would be back in touch with him as soon as possible.

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Consulted OTR, and about the ground rules covering Dr. Kissinger's address to Agency employees on the occasion of CIA's 25th anniversary. Neither of these men had specific knowledge regarding the arrangements covering this appearance by Kissinger, but we all agreed that we should not quote from that address unless we had some assurance that Kissinger would not object. We are not pressing the matter further at this point.

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10. [redacted] Met with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and reviewed plans for tomorrow's appearance of the Director before the Committee in regard to allegations by Andrew St. George in Harper's magazine.

Woolsey and I met with Senator Stuart Symington to review plans for tomorrow's hearing.

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11. [redacted] Provided Deborah Wilkes, on the staff of Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D., Me.), an oral response to the Senator's letter in behalf of an applicant, [redacted] She agreed that no written response would be necessary.

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12. [redacted] Delivered to the office of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) an [redacted] item in which his name was mentioned. STATSPEC

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13. [redacted] Delivered to J. G. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Internal Security, Senate Judiciary Committee, a directory of international Communist front organizations as he had requested.

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14. [redacted] Delivered to Kathy Nelson, in the office of Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), the Director's response to a letter the Senator had sent to him. Also provided Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee, with a copy.

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15. [redacted] At the request of [redacted] OGC, 25X1A I talked briefly with Herb Roback, House Government Operations Committee staff, and told him of the letter from Chairman Jack Brooks, Subcommittee on Government Activities, to Arthur Sampson, Administrator, GSA, concerning Agency disposition of SAT and Air America. I told Roback that a copy had been forwarded directly to us by Brooks. Roback thanked me for the advice but said it was a Subcommittee matter that has not come to his attention. In consequence he has no idea what lies behind such a letter. [redacted] 25X1A
25X1A and [redacted] have been advised.

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16. [REDACTED] Accompanied Ted Shackley, Chief, EA Division,

to a meeting with Chairman Lester Wolff, Special ad hoc Subcommittee on Narcotics, House Foreign Affairs Committee. Shackley briefed Wolff on the

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information available [REDACTED]

and responded to questions by Wolff concerning possible personal security

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problems in [REDACTED] See Shackley's Memo for Record.

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17. [REDACTED]

Office of Security, and I met with representatives of [REDACTED] Company and completed necessary security documentation in anticipation of the Director's briefing scheduled for Monday, 19 November, of the Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy.

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18. [REDACTED] Talked to Tom Reckford, of the above Commission, who told me that he is quite concerned that State and DIA are not following the same security procedures outlined in yesterday's conversation with us for the handling of transcripts and security of the Committee room. I told him again this was the responsibility of State and DIA and that he should check directly with them.

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19. [REDACTED]

In response to a request from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NE Division, I obtained from Nita Stockstill, House Armed Services Committee staff, a list of the Committee members leaving tonight

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25X1 20. [REDACTED] Met with Jim Woolsey and reviewed with him certain logs, records and statements prepared for the upcoming executive session of the Senate Armed Services Committee [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A copy of the material retained by Woolsey is on record with OLC.

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21. [REDACTED] Met with Walt Evans (Senator Mark Hatfield, R., Ore.) and Joyce Anna Rautio (Representative John Dellenback, R., Ore.) and left with them a blind memorandum concerning the [REDACTED] Both offices were pleased with the outcome, do not intend to publicly capitalize on it but will write a letter to [REDACTED] on her 21st birthday this December.

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22. [REDACTED] I responded to Mr. Conneely's
(Senate Armed Services Committee) call concerning the proposed Committee
report on CIARD cost-of-living amendment, I suggested inclusion of
Mr. Colby's letter to the President pro-tem and no need for a separate
letter from Colby and he agreed.

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